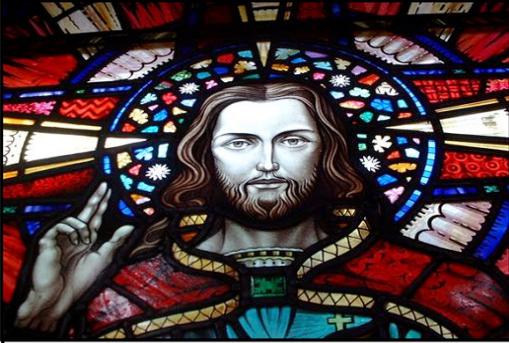


newsletter



14 October 2018

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time,



Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart – Our Mission

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we will be a parish renewed in our knowledge and understanding of the love of Jesus Christ, to enable each of us to fulfil our Christian mission



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Thank you for your contribution to the parish. For 7 October the offertory was £294.30 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES – WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 7.00 PM

What a gift the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary are! Meditating on them brings even deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. – John 9:5

They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and his suffering and death on the cross. Therefore they beautifully complement the traditional Catholic Rosary prayers of St Dominic.

As you increase in this depth of knowledge of the life of Jesus, you will also find greater peace within your own life by meditating upon the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.



- Baptism of Jesus – Jesus is baptised by his cousin, John the Baptist, in the River Jordan.
- Wedding at Cana – Jesus performs his first public miracle by changing water into wine at a wedding feast.
- Proclaiming the Kingdom – Jesus goes about preaching and proclaiming the coming to the Kingdom of God.
- Transfiguration – Jesus takes Peter, James and John up to Mount Tabor, and Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus.
- Institution of the Eucharist – At the Last Supper, Jesus turns bread and wine into his body and blood.

As you incorporate these mysteries into your rosary prayer, you will enjoy greater peace in your life. This is so because you will interiorise key events in the public life of Jesus. Jesus not only came to open the gates of Heaven, but also to teach people how to treat one another and how to love God.

These Mysteries of Light help you grow in these areas and your life, and those around you will benefit immeasurably.

Taken from <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/luminous-mysteries.html>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 14 October	Next Sunday, 21 October
1 st Reading	Judith Latham	Suzanne Yates
2 nd Reading	Una McAlinden	Pat Crowe
Eucharistic	Catherine Davies	Noreen Weighell
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Hilary Brennan
Driver	C./J. Gallagher	Louis Chadwick

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 19 October

On family fast day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give, to help people like Longora, who live in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry that people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water.



On Family Fast Day (Friday 19 October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply, and give the money we save to help people like Longora. Please collect your Fast Day envelope today and give what you can.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	14 October	9.00 am	Private Intentions
Tuesday	16 October	9.30 am	Tina Stanyer and the Fabi Family, Anniversary, RIP and Richard Freeman, Birthday Anniversary, RIP
Wednesday	17 October	1.00 pm	Funeral Service for Thomas Gilmore
Wednesday	17 October	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	19 October	10.00 am	Paul Whiteley, Recently Deceased, RIP and Thomas Mooney, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER – THE WORK OF OUR SCHOOLS

Almighty God, we pray for our schools and all the staff and students who work and study in them. We pray that our schools are places of great discovery, adventure, creativity and holiness. May they be places where all learn to love and love to learn, a place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Feast of St Luke, the Evangelist 18 October

St Luke is believed to be the author of the Gospel that bears his name, as well as of the Acts of the Apostles. He was probably born in Antioch of a prosperous Greek family and was trained as a physician.



His gospel is considered the most poetic and beautiful of all. He uses the best grammar and the most eloquent and correct Greek of the New Testament. He shows Jesus not as the Jewish Messiah, but as the world's Saviour and Lord. He was a man of prayer, for this Gospel is preoccupied with the power of prayer. He had a high regard for the dignity of women for they played an important part of his writing.

He accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and doubtless had the care of Paul's health. Luke was with Paul in his last days and final imprisonment in Rome.

What happened to Luke after Paul's martyrdom we have no certain knowledge, but according to a fairly early and widespread tradition, he wrote his Gospel in Greece at Boeotia where he died aged 84.

Adapted from <https://slparish.org>

DO YOU WISH TO DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE?



The forthcoming Week of Guided Prayer aims to help people, no matter what stage of prayer they are at, to enrich and deepen their spirituality. Consequently those moments of experiencing God's love and receiving insights into faith and life, can also become richer and deeper. It is a week when you can spend a little time every day developing your prayer life, with guidance from a prayer companion. The companions are wise, spiritual and friendly; they have experience of the many differing approaches to prayer.

All in all the aim is to help you to enrich your spirituality.

Look out for details of the week which takes place from 19 to 23 November, or speak to Deacon Philip, on 07711 953 926. You can register your interest by requesting an explanatory leaflet by email at guidedprayerweek@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk

ADOREMUS

Thoughts from Maggie Dullaghan



It was a great privilege to attend Adoremus, the Eucharistic Congress.

Myself and Nicky had got caught in bad traffic on the way to Liverpool, which made us slightly late. However, thanks to Shalom World TV, we were able to listen to the opening talk from a phone, as it was being streamed live.

The key message that came across throughout the Congress, very powerfully, is that our faith is all about a personal relationship/encounter with Jesus! There were optional sessions on day one of the Congress, and I chose to attend a session on preparing children for their First Holy Communion. Again, the same message came across, and the speaker, Dora Nash, stressed the importance of introducing our children to an encounter with Jesus.

Bishop Richard Barron gave a great talk about the Mass, on day two. He went through every stage of the Mass in great detail, and explained it all beautifully. The talks are available on the Bishops' conference website and I would recommend listening to them, especially this talk, which was the first keynote talk on the Saturday. It helps us to see the Mass from a heavenly perspective, and how we join with heaven in the Mass. He spoke about the Mass being a great call and response between Jesus and his body, and that the Mass is a privileged encounter with Jesus, and the supreme form of worship!

It's that time again, time to fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Leaflets advising what to put in your box and decorated shoeboxes will be available next weekend for 50p each.



INFORMATION

CONFESSION

Confession will be at 8.40 am on Sunday and at 9.45 am on Friday.

PRAYER LINE

Please ring for intercessory prayer on 01525 634 186. We have some wonderful answers to prayers. Be assured of full confidentiality.

CARDS, GIFTS, etc.

Are available for sale in Sacred Heart church after Mass. All are priced. Please put money in the repository box at the back of the church.

SAFEGUARDING

For information contact Paula Bates at safeguarding@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk

CHURCH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

<http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk>

IN HOSPITAL, SICK OR HOUSE-BOUND?

Please let us know of anyone who needs a visit or requires Holy Communion at home.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

meet in the church every Monday at 7.30 pm. Members provide help, support and friendship to anyone in need. They offer this support through befriending visits. Call Brendan Spillane, 01525 861 949 to find out more about their work.

LITTLE 'UNS

Meet every Friday 10.30 am to 11.45 am in term time, in the church hall. This is a group for babies and pre-schoolers. For further information please contact Deacon Philip at deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass Intentions, contact Suzanne Yates who will arrange for Fr. John or another local priest to say a Mass.

THOMAS FRANCIS GILMORE, RIP

Please remember Thomas (Tommy) Gilmore in your prayers. His funeral will be held on Wednesday 17 October at 1.00 pm. All our sympathy and prayers go to Tommy's family.



We welcome Elizabeth Grace, daughter of Janine and Paul Noble, who will be baptised into the Catholic community on 20 October.



We ask the parish to pray for her and her family, and we ask for all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

Congratulations to Marta Zielonica and Barry Liddle who will be married here at Sacred Heart on Saturday 20 October.



We wish them every blessing for their lives together.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you for supporting this wonderful cause, whether by purchasing raffle tickets, donating a prize, baking a cake or being one of the many people who attended. A special thank you to the helpers on the day. This year we have raised **£620.35**; this is a wonderful amount.

Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
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Everyone is welcome to come for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday **22 October**. We meet fortnightly to pray for our children and have had many answers to our prayers. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for details.



The sewing group will meet on **22 October** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will meet again on **17 October**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

